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COUNTRY : USSR

SUBJECT : Ammunition Storage Depots near Mozhaysk

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1. A very large artillery ammunition storage depot is located near Mozhaysk; the location is farther from Moscow than Borodino. It is an old depot which has been expanded, and it is served by a railspur branching from the main line.

2. This is a first category (pervyy vid) depot which is subordinate to the Ammunition Supply Directorate (Upravleniye snabzheniya boyepripasami - USB) of the Chief Missile and Artillery Directorate (GRAU).

3. The Commanding Officer of the depot is Colonel Nikita Andreyevich Riga, [redacted] The depot can be reached by telephone from Moscow by asking for "Mozhaysk - Don".

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4. Captain Yevgeniy Mikhaylovich Sklyarov is believed to be **in charge** of the Transport Section (PKP or PKTs) of the depot; this includes both rail and road transport services.

5. During the first half of 1961 an accident occurred at the depot in which two persons were killed and four others wounded. Two civilians were allegedly using steel brushes for cleaning, a spark was struck, and a conventional shell exploded. A small fire resulted, but it did not spread owing to the thick walls which separate the ammunition workshops from each other.

6. In the Mozhaysk area there is another, separate depot, which is subordinate to the Ammunition Supply Directorate of the Chief Missile and Artillery Directorate of the Antiaircraft Defense (USB GRAU PVO).

